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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002 for four (4) months from January 12, 2003 to May 12, 2003. A Response to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS0237/SBA in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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